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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY,
AT ITS
MEETING IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,

April 22d, 23d, and 24th, 1897.

THE Society assembled at Baltimore, in the Donovan Room of McCoy Hall of the Johns Hopkins University, on Thursday of Easter Week, April 22d, at 3 P. M., and was called to order by its President, President Daniel Coit Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University.

The following members were in attendance at one or more of the sessions :

Adler	Hastings	Levy	Schanfarber
Arnold, W. R.	Haupt	Macdonald	Scott
Bloomfield	Hazard	Mahoney	Smith
Bruneau	Hyvernât	Moore, G. F.	Spieker
Carus	Jackson	Mullan	Toy
Gildersleeve	Jastrow	Ness	Tracy
Gilman	Johnston	Oertel	Ward, W. H.
Gottheil	Land	Price	Webb
Grimm	Lanman, C. R.	Rosenau	Wood, C. J.
Guttmacher	Lawler	Sanders	Wood, H.
			[Total, 40.]

Professor Bloomfield, of Baltimore, presented the report of the Committee of Arrangements in the form of a printed program. The opening of the sessions was thereby set for half past nine o'clock mornings and for three o'clock afternoons; and the annual business of the Society was made the first order for Friday morning. President Gilman invited the members of the Society to take luncheon with him at his house on Friday at half past one. The invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Society. The presentation of com-

munications was now begun. Papers by Messrs. Jastrow, Jackson, Gottheil, Macdonald, Adler, Smith, Peters, and Haupt (those numbered respectively 25, 20, 7, 31, 1, 44, 37, and 13 in the list below) were laid before the Society. In connection with Dr. Adler's paper, Professor Gottheil, as Chairman of the Committee appointed to make a Catalogue of Oriental Manuscripts existing in American Libraries (see JAOS. xiv., pages i and cxlvi, = PAOS. for Oct. 1888 and Oct. 1889), presented a preliminary inventory of such manuscripts, in card-catalogue form. The Committee was continued. At 5.15 the session was adjourned.

The Society reassembled at half past nine on Friday morning and proceeded to business.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, at Andover, April 9th to 11th, 1896, were read by the Recording Secretary, Professor Moore, of Andover, and approved.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, Professor Hopkins, of Yale, Professor Oertel, of Yale, as Acting Secretary, presented letters from Professor Salisbury and Mrs. W. D. Whitney, of New Haven, giving us much-valued and gratefully received assurances of their continued interest in the work of the Society and in its prosperity.

Professor Lanman, of Harvard, also presented some correspondence, a few items of which may be mentioned. The letters included one from Professor Hopkins,¹ which was dated "on the very field of the great battle" of the Mahā Bhārata, "Kurukshetra, 7th Dec., 1896." "Imagine the plain," he writes, "(and a few jackals are still stalking over it) stretching to the lake where Duryodhana hid his coward head. I could almost see Bhīma pursuing him as I wandered round the edge of it under the great trees, and among the ruins of three hundred temples which line the shore on the west and north." Dr. Führer, Director of the Museum at Lucknow, and Professor Bühler, of Vienna, write concerning the recent discovery of the column set up by Asoka to mark the birth-place of Gotama Buddha. Professor Nöldeke, of Strassburg, sends full and most appreciative comments on Mr. H. C. Warren's *Buddhism in Translations*.

Dr. Sergius Oldenburg of St. Petersburg writes that Petrofsky, the Russian Consul-General in Kashgar, has brought back two birch-bark manuscripts in *Kharosthī* characters, by far the oldest Indian manuscripts known. Oldenburg believes that they are to be referred to the first century before or after Christ. He is going to publish complete facsimiles of both manuscripts, and hopes to have them ready for the International Congress at Paris next autumn. He has also begun a series of Buddhistic publications, which promises to be of great value. Among the works undertaken is the *Abhidharma-kośa-vyākhyā*, whose importance

¹ Interesting accounts of his travels and observations are contained in his letters to *The (New York) Nation*, in the numbers for Dec. 24 and 31, 1896, and for April 1, 8, and 15, 1897.

has been recognized since the days of Eugene Burnouf. Others are the *Çikṣā-samuccaya*, by Cecil Bendall, the *Rāṣṭrapāla-pariprcchā*, by Finot, the *Gaṇḍa-vyūha*, *Suvarṇa-prabhāsa*, *Daṣabhūmīvara*, and the *Madhyaṃaka-vṛtti*.

Dr. Stein writes from his camp, Mohand Marg, in the Himalayas of Kashmir. He had been commissioned by the Kashmir Durbar to translate into English the history of Kashmir or *Rājatarāṅginī*, which had been edited by him in Sanskrit. He is the hard-worked principal of the Government Oriental College at Lahore, and says : "In order to work undisturbed, I came straight up in June to this *Marg* or plateau, some 11,000 feet above the sea, where I have not seen a white face for the last three months. In this delightful Alpine solitude I could work all day long without feeling tired ; and thus had two days ago the satisfaction of getting to the last of the 8,000 odd Shlokas." The history is to be published by Constable and Co., in London.

The names of recently deceased members were reported. The record is as follows :

CORPORATE MEMBERS.

Rev. Dr. Oliver Crane, of Boston, Mass. ;

Dr. Olaus Dahl, of the University of Chicago ;

Prof. Isaac Hollister Hall, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City ;

Rev. Dr. Dwight Whitney Marsh, of Amherst, Mass. ;

Dr. Edmund Nathaniel Snyder, of Cleveland, Ohio ;

Rev. Dr. William McLivie Thomson, of New York City ;

Prof. Josiah Dwight Whitney, of Harvard University.

Dr. Hall¹ was a Vice-President of the Society, and long one of its most active and useful members. He was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, Dec. 12, 1837, the son of Rev. Edwin Hall, who subsequently and for years was a leading member of the Faculty of the Auburn (N. Y.) Theological Seminary. Dr. Hall graduated at Hamilton College in 1859, serving thereupon as assistant to the eminent astronomer, Dr. Peters, and took his degree in laws in 1865 at the Law School of Columbia College, N. Y. After ten years of practice, he became professor in the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut. On his way thither, he visited the collections of Cypriote antiquities at London, Paris, and Turin, and then went to Cyprus to study the inscriptions *in situ*. After two years he returned home from Syria, and became widely known by his work as associate editor of *The Sunday School Times* of Philadelphia. He was appointed Curator of the Department of Sculpture of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1886 ; and in this position he continued, rendering invaluable services to the

¹ Sketches of his life are given in *Johnson's Cyclopædia* and in the Supplement to the Schaff-Herzog *Encyclopædia of Religious Knowledge*.

Museum, until his death, which occurred July 2, 1896. He was an active member of the famous New York "Greek Club," and, after the late Ezra Abbot, was the first authority in America on the history of the printed text of the New Testament. He was particularly interested in Syriac studies, and did much to further them. In this Journal and that of the Society of Biblical Literature he described many of the manuscripts in this country; from one of them he published a phototype reproduction of the rare Antilegomena Epistles. In a codex belonging to the college library in Beirut he discovered a hitherto unknown recension of the Gospels, which he identified with the lost Philoxenian version. His scholarship was deep and thorough; his industry, indefatigable; his conscientiousness and accuracy, marvellous. His untimely death is a deplorable loss to American scholarship, to our Society, to the Museum, and through it to the great public which the Museum is to instruct and ennoble.

Remarks upon Dr. Hall's services to Oriental learning in this country were made by Dr. Ward, Professors Moore and Gottheil, and Mr. W. R. Arnold.

Professor J. D. Whitney,¹ so distinguished in geology, was—as has been often remarked—a man of unusual ability and attainments in the field of language. His vast learning in subjects so diverse was turned to good account during his studies of the names of minerals and of the terms relating to geology, mining, metals and metallurgy, physical geography, and fossil botany, in connection with his work upon the *Century Dictionary*. It is interesting to see how he has brought linguistic evidence to bear upon the questions treated in his *Climatic changes of later geological times*, for example, page 237. And his charming little book called *Names and places: studies in geographical and topographical nomenclature* (Cambridge, 1888), is, as its title indicates, a yoking together of philology with natural science. He had been a faithful helper of the Society for nearly forty years; and it may well be that the intelligent sympathy which he brought to the work of his brother William was, albeit indirect, not the least of his services to our Society.

Dr. Dwight Whitney Marsh, a cousin of Professor J. D. Whitney, and of William D. Whitney, was born in Dalton, Mass., Nov. 5, 1823, graduated at Williams in 1842, studied at Andover, and then at Union, graduating there in 1849. He sailed for Turkey the same year, and was stationed for ten years at Mosul, at the eventful time when the explorations were going on under the direction of Layard and later of Rawlinson. Layard gave him several slabs, and the first were sent to Williams College. Afterwards, Dr. Marsh sent to the Wadsworth Athenæum at Hartford, Conn., to the New York Historical Society, and to the Mercantile

¹ See the Encyclopædias and especially the *Harvard Graduates' Magazine*, vol. 5, pages 206-209, Dec. 1896.

Library of St. Louis. Other missionaries remembered other colleges in a similar manner. Dr. Marsh sent to friends and scientists many antiquities and other things of interest,—minerals, coins, and Assyrian tablets and cylinders. Upon his return from Turkey, he published the biography of his missionary friend, Samuel Audley Rhea, *The Tennessean in Persia*; and, recently, the *Genealogy of John Marsh of Hartford, 1636*, his own ancestor. This work, of over six hundred pages, was issued in 1895, and in its completeness, accuracy, literary merit, and in the simple and original method of its indexing, holds high rank among works of its class. He died June 18, 1896.

Dr. Crane was born in West Bloomfield (now Montclair), N. J., July 12, 1822, and graduated at Yale in 1845. After studying at Andover, he graduated at Union Theological Seminary in 1848, and the next year sailed for Turkey, where he worked as a missionary, in charge of the stations at Aintab and Aleppo, Northern Syria. After several years at home, he returned to the East and was stationed at Adrianople. His later years were divided between ministerial duties in this country, missionary work and tours of study in the East, and literary pursuits. He died in Boston, Nov. 29, 1896.

Dr. Thomson, author of *The Land and the Book*, was born Dec. 31, 1806, and was for very many years a missionary in Syria, first under the American Board and from 1870 under the Presbyterian Board. He died April 8, 1894.

Dr. Snyder was the valedictorian of his class at Harvard in 1886, and was appointed to a traveling fellowship, which he held during three years of work at Berlin and Leipsic. His Indian studies, begun at Harvard, he continued under Weber and Oldenberg, and published as his doctor's dissertation *Der Commentar und die Textüberlieferung des Mahāvamsa*, Berlin, 1891. He died Oct. 1, 1896.

The Treasurer, Mr. Henry C. Warren, of Cambridge, Mass., presented to the Society, by the hand of Professor Lanman, his accounts and statements for the fiscal year extending from April 7, 1896, to December 31, 1896. President Gilman had already appointed (in April, 1896—see JAOS. xvii. 153) Professors Toy and Lanman as an Auditing Committee to examine the Treasurer's funds and accounts. The Committee reported to the Society that on the 28th of January, 1897, they had examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and his evidences of actual possession of the Society's property, and were satisfied that all was in due order.

The Society accepted these findings as satisfactory—the foregoing report to be published in the *Proceedings* as a certificate of acquittance to the Treasurer, as prescribed in By-law III. c (see JAOS. xvii., page 202).

The usual analytical summary of the General Account follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account. April 6, 1896.....	\$1,947.15
Assessments (183) for April 7, 1896 to Dec. 31, 1896....	\$549.00
Assessments (24) for other years	96.00
Sale of publications	73.37
Income from funds (other than Bradley Fund).....	82.92
Total income for the year	<u>801.29</u>
Total receipts for the year	\$2,748.44

EXPENDITURES.

Brass dies (\$4.85) and 17 matrices (\$34.00).....	\$ 38.85
May, 1896, stock of 60-lb.-paper, at 6 cts., 29 reams....	104.40
Journal, vol. xvii., printing.....	664.75
Journal, vol. xvii., binding 501 copies.....	80.16
Journal, vol. xvii., distribution	61.60
Clerical assistance	76.20
Postage, express, etc.	30.66
Job-printing	18.25
Stationery	6.40
Total disbursements for the year	<u>1,081.27</u>
Credit balance ² on Gen'l Account, Dec. 31, 1896....	\$2,366.92
Less advance from Charles River Bank, Dec., 1896	699.75
	<u>\$1,667.17</u>
True balance for new Gen'l Account, Dec. 31, 1896	<u>1,667.17</u>
	<u>\$2,748.44</u>

The Treasurer adds the following comments :

By reason of the vote (taken April, 1896—JAOS. xvii. 152) that the Society's fiscal year shall correspond with the calendar year, the fiscal year under review consisted of a trifle less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a calendar year, falling 97 days short of a twelve-month. The assessment for the 269 days was fixed at \$3 (the proportionate part of \$5 would have been \$3.67); and none of the dividends for January, 1897, could be included. The income (\$801) was accordingly less than the proportionate part (\$1000) of the income of the preceding year (\$1357) by some \$200.

With regard to the expenses, as was set forth in the circular issued just before the meeting, it appears that the new plan of publication entails an outgo beyond our income, so that we have already fallen behind about \$280. A curtailment of the Society's publications was therefore recommended,¹ on the ground that the only alternative—an increase of income by, say, \$500—was a most improbable one. To secure this we should need over 100

¹ For the details of this recommendation and the action upon it, see page 383.

² The sum of items V., VI., and VII., next page.

new, paying, and constant members. Of the 95 corporate members elected from 1885 to 1889, 77 fell away (i. e., resigned, died, or otherwise ceased to be paying members), leaving a net gain of only 18 ; and of the 146 elected from 1890 to 1895, 88 fell away, leaving a net gain of only 58.

The state of the funds is as follows :

A. PRINCIPAL OF SPECIAL FUNDS.		Apr. 6, 1896.	Dec. 31, 1896.
I. Bradley Type Fund (deposited in New Haven Savings Bank)		\$1,542.64	\$1,604.94
II. Cotheal Publication Fund (deposited in the Provident Institution for Savings, Boston). ..	1,000.00		1,000.00
III. Whitney Publication Fund (invested in eight shares of State National Bank stock)	1,000.00		1,000.00
IV. Life Membership Fund (deposited in the Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston)	75.00		75.00
B. BALANCES BELONGING TO GENERAL ACCOUNT.			
V. Cash in Cambridge Savings Bank	\$1,827.67		\$2,222.07
VI. Cash in Provident Inst. for Savings, Boston .	109.65		131.83
VII. Cash in Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston.....	9.83		13.02
			<u>6,046.86</u>
Less due Charles River National Bank...			699.75
		<u>\$5,564.79</u>	<u>\$5,347.11</u>

At the meeting of April, 1896, the Directors voted : That "the sum of \$200.00 shall be appropriated as honorary compensation for the services of the editors." The editors waived the payment of this sum.

President Gilman appointed Professors Toy and Lyon of Cambridge as an Auditing Committee for the accounts of the fiscal year of 1897.

The Report of the Editors of the Journal, Professors Lanman and Moore, was presented by Professor Moore. At the last meeting, in April, 1896, Messrs. Ward, Haupt, and Hopkins, appointed a Committee to consider the several questions relating to the Society's publications and to report thereon to the Board of Directors, made the following Report :

1. We recommend that the Journal of the American Oriental Society be issued as a semi-annual periodical, Part I. for January to June, and Part II. for July to December.

2. The number of pages for two semi-annual Parts shall not exceed five hundred.

3. The Journal shall be devoted to the publication of papers on Oriental subjects, under the direction of the Editors, and shall also contain the Minutes of the annual meetings of the Society, with abstracts of papers not published in full, at the discretion of the Editors.

4. No single Part shall be occupied wholly with a single article ; but works too long for insertion in a single Part of the Journal should be published in separate volumes, in an Oriental Series, under the auspices of the American Oriental Society, provided the Editors do not think it expedient to publish such treatises in instalments in successive Parts.

5. The editorial management of the Journal shall be in the hands of two Editors, one of whom shall be a Sanskritist, and the other a Semitic scholar.

6. The sum of \$200 shall be appropriated as honorary compensation for the services of the Editors.

7. Your Committee would recommend that Professor Lanman and Professor Moore be appointed Editors.

8. We recommend that the Librarian be requested to take the necessary measures to increase the sale of the publications of the Society by advertising, by establishing new European agencies, etc.; and the Committee would recommend the firm of Luzac & Co., as London agents, and J. C. Hinrichs for the Continent.

9. This arrangement is to take effect April, 1896. The Minutes of the annual meetings shall appear in the Second Part for each year, that for July to December.

The Report was accepted by the Directors, and transmitted to the Editors as a bill of instructions so far as it concerned their work. And by it they had been governed, except in the matter of honorarium.

In accordance with the above instructions, said Professor Moore, the Editors had, since the last meeting, published volume xvii. of the Journal (for the period July–December, 1896; issued in November, 1896, and containing iv + 206 pages); volume xviii., First Half (for January–June, 1897; issued in January, 1897, and containing iv + 201 pages); both these volumes being substantially bound in full buckram and suitably lettered. Professor Moore further reported that volume xviii., Second Half (for July–December, 1897), is nearly all in type, and will be issued as soon as the Proceedings of the present meeting can be printed.

It may here be added that the Whitney Memorial Volume, printed at the joint expense of the American Oriental Society, the American Philological Association, and the Modern Language Association of America, for distribution to the members of these three organizations, is now ready for publication. The Directors have ordered that the copies for the members of the Oriental Society be provided with an extra general title-page stating that it is issued as volume xix., First Half (for Jan.–June, 1898), of our Journal, and with a suitably lettered label or panel on the back to correspond. The special title-page of the book is as follows: "The Whitney Memorial Meeting. A report of that session of the First American Congress of Philologists which was devoted to the memory of the late Professor William Dwight Whitney, of Yale University; held at Philadelphia, Dec. 28, 1894. Edited for the Joint Committees of Publication by Charles R. Lanman. Bos-

ton: Published for the Congress. Ginn and Company. 1897." It contains the addresses of the occasion, the text of the letters from foreign scholars concerning Professor Whitney; the detailed program of the Congress; and a chronological bibliography (in 360 numbers) of Mr. Whitney's writings, with lists of biographical notices and of books concerning him.

President Gilman reported, on behalf of the Directors, that, as Professor Lanman was unable to serve the Society longer as an editor of the Journal, they had appointed Professor A. V. W. Jackson, of Columbia University (to serve in Mr. Lanman's stead), and Professor G. F. Moore, as Editors for the year 1897-98.

The Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Warren, had called the attention of the members to the fact that the present income of the Society could not sustain the rate of expenditure involved in the foregoing orders of the Directors; and he accordingly recommended a curtailment of the publications of the Society, and in particular that the Journal be issued only once a year, as a volume of about three hundred pages, instead of the present annual four hundred pages. After due discussion of the situation, and to the end that the new experiment of prompt and frequent publication might receive a fair trial, the Directors ordered that no change in the manner of issue be made for the ensuing year; especially in view of the fact that the balance to the good in the treasury allows us to continue this course for some time longer without actual deficit.

The Librarian, Mr. Van Name, of Yale University, presented his report through Dr. Oertel. The report showed that the accessions to the Library of the Society during the year have been 65 volumes, 97 parts of volumes, and 137 dissertations and pamphlets. The whole number of titles is now 4917.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider what measures may be taken to promote the Study of the History of Religions, reported by their Chairman, Professor Gottheil, that after mature deliberation, and with the approval of the Directors, they recommend:

1. That the American Oriental Society establish a special Section, devoted to the historical study of religions; and that persons interested in these studies be allowed to join this Section upon the payment of two dollars per annum, and be entitled to a copy of all printed papers which fall within the scope of the Section.
2. That a Secretary be appointed for this Section.
3. That at each meeting of the Society at least one session be set apart for papers devoted to the work of the Section.
4. That the Section co-operate as far as possible with the American Committee for Lectures on the History of Religions.

This report was adopted; and upon the recommendation of the Directors, the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously adopted:

In article V. of the Constitution, after the words "a Recording Secretary," the words "a Secretary of the Section for the Historical Study of Religions," were inserted ; so that the article now reads :

ARTICLE V. The government of the Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Secretary of the Section for the Historical Study of Religions, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and seven Directors, who shall be annually elected by ballot, at the annual meeting.

A new article was added to the Constitution, viz.

ARTICLE XI. There shall be a special Section of the Society, devoted to the Historical Study of Religions, to which section others than members of the American Oriental Society may be elected in the same manner as is prescribed in Article IV.

A new By-Law was added : viz.

X. Members of the Section for the Historical Study of Religions shall pay into the treasury of the Society an annual assessment of two dollars ; and they shall be entitled to a copy of all printed papers which fall within the scope of the Section.

Professors G. F. Moore, Jackson, and Gottheil were appointed a Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

After a brief recess (11 to 11.15), the following gentlemen presented papers : Hyvernatt, No. 19 ; Bloomfield, No. 3 ; Oertel, Nos. 34, 36, 35 ; Moore, No. 32 ; Scott, No. 42 ; Grimm, No. 8 ; Haupt, No. 14. At ten minutes after one, the Society adjourned for luncheon at the residence of President Gilman.

The Society re-assembled after luncheon Friday, and received communications from the following : Schanfarber, No. 41 ; Gutmacher, No. 9 ; Rosenau, No. 40 ; Lanman, No. 28 ; Johnston, No. 23 ; Gottheil, No. 6.

At five o'clock, the Society held a public session in the large assembly room of McCoy Hall, and Professor Lanman gave an account of some of the principal classes of monuments of archaeological interest in India, illustrated by pictures thrown upon the screen, and spoke especially of the Bharhut sculptures which have been identified with stories in the Jātaka Book.

At 5.45, the Society adjourned to Saturday morning. In the evening, about thirty of the members dined together.

The fourth and last session began at 9.45 Saturday morning. First came the remaining business. The following persons,¹ recommended by the Directors, were duly elected :

¹ The full post-office addresses are given in the revised List of Members at the end of this volume.

AS CORPORATE MEMBERS.

- Prof. B. W. Bacon, Yale University.
Rev. Dr. Charles W. E. Body, General Theological Seminary, New York City.
Dr. A. Boissier, Geneva, Switzerland.
Dr. W. Caland, Breda, Netherlands.
Dr. Paul Carus, La Salle, Illinois.
Mr. Clarence H. Clark, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Oliver Crane, Boston, Mass. (Re-election.)
Mr. Lee M. Dean, Yale University.
Prof. James F. Driscoll, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, New York.
Mr. Wilberforce Eames, Lenox Library, New York City.
Mr. M. B. Fanning, Duxbury, Mass.
Dr. W. H. Furness, Wallingford, Pa.
Miss Ellen R. Giles, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Mr. Louis H. Gray, Princeton, N. J.
Mr. K. J. Grimm, Baltimore, Md.
Mr. R. P. Karkaria, Bombay, India.
Mr. H. Kaufman, Baltimore, Md.
Miss Elizabeth T. King, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. P. H. Land, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Robert Lau, Union Hill, N. J.
Rev. L. B. Longacre, Spuyten Duyvil, New York, N. Y.
Mr. A. O. Lovejoy, Oakland, Cal.
Rev. J. R. Mahoney, Baltimore, Md.
Dr. Lawrence H. Mills, Oxford, England. (Re-election.)
Rev. Donald J. McKinnon, Washington, D. C.
Mr. J. A. Ness, Baltimore, Md.
Mr. Murray E. Poole, Ithaca, N. Y.
Mr. William Popper, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. W. Rosenau, Baltimore, Md.
Mrs. Janet E. Ruutz-Rees, Wallingford, Conn.
Prof. F. K. Sanders, New Haven, Conn.
Rev. T. Schanfarber, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, Denver, Col.
Mr. Thomas E. Waggaman, Washington, D. C.
Miss Maria Whitney, Cambridge, Mass.
Mrs. W. D. Whitney, New Haven, Conn.
Dr. Thomas Wilson, Washington, D. C.

[Total, 37.]

President Gilman announced for the Directors that, Professor Jackson being unable to undertake the work of an editor, the conduct of the Journal for the ensuing year will be entrusted to Professor G. F. Moore.

The next meeting of the Society will be held in Easter week, 1898, beginning Thursday, April 14, either in Chicago or in Hartford, as may be subsequently determined by the Directors.

The Directors recommended that a committee of three be appointed by the President to take such steps as may seem desirable to secure candidates for membership in the Section for the Historical Study of Religions, and to report to the Directors at their next meeting. The recommendation was adopted. The President appointed Professors Toy, Jastrow, and Gottheil such committee.

It was resolved to request Congress to allow the duties on books, scientific instruments, and works of art to remain as in the existing law. The President and Secretaries were empowered to prepare and present such a request.

The nominating committee reported, and by unanimous consent the ballot of the Society was cast for the following officers for the ensuing year :

President—President Daniel Coit Gilman, of Baltimore.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. William Hayes Ward, of New York ; Professor Crawford H. Toy, of Cambridge ; Professor Charles R. Lanman, of Cambridge.

Corresponding Secretary—Professor Edward W. Hopkins, of New Haven, with Professor Hanns Oertel, of New Haven, as his deputy.

Recording Secretary—Professor George F. Moore, of Andover.

Secretary of the Section for Religions—Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Treasurer—Mr. Henry C. Warren, of Cambridge.

Librarian—Mr. Addison Van Name, of New Haven.

Directors—The officers above named : and President William R. Harper, of Chicago ; Professors Richard Gottheil, A. V. W. Jackson, and Francis Brown, of New York ; Professors Maurice Bloomfield and Paul Haupt, of Baltimore ; and Professor Henry Hyvern timer, of Washington.

On motion of Dr. Adler it was

Resolved, That the American Oriental Society has heard with pleasure of the proposed catalogue of Egyptian papyri and monuments ; and that a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the Smithsonian Institution in collecting a catalogue of the Egyptian material preserved in this country.

The committee was appointed : Dr. Cyrus Adler, Professor J. H. Breasted, Professor H. Hyvern timer, the Rev. Dr. William C. Winslow, Dr. G. A. Reisner.

The business finished, the reading of communications was resumed. The following gentlemen presented papers : Carr, No. 5 ; Lau, No. 29 ; Ness, No. 33 ; Bright, No. 4 ; Johnston, No. 24 ; Hastings, No. 10 ; Smith, No. 45 ; Land, No. 26 ; Jackson, No. 21 ; Scott, No. 43 ; Bloomfield, No. 2 ; Haupt, Nos. 11, 15 and 12.

The hour for adjournment being now close at hand, the papers numbered 17 and 18 (by Hopkins), 46 (by Reisner), 30 (by Lovejoy), 47 (by Torrey), 38 (by Prince), 48, 50, and 49 (by Watson),

and 27 (by Lanman),—that is, for the most part, papers of members not present,—were read by title, and with or without a brief statement of their contents.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted :

The American Oriental Society desires to express its most sincere thanks to the authorities of Johns Hopkins University for their kind invitation and reception ; to President Gilman for his pleasant hospitalities ; to the University Club for its courtesies ; and to the Committee of Arrangements for their effective services.

At 12.15 the Society adjourned, to meet Thursday, April 14, 1898.

At a meeting of the Directors held immediately after adjournment, the following gentlemen were appointed to represent the American Oriental Society as Delegates to the Eleventh Session of the International Congress of Orientalists, to be held in Paris from the 5th to the 12th of September, 1897 : Professors Bloomfield and Haupt of Baltimore ; Professor Jackson of New York ; and Professors Lanman and Toy of Cambridge.

The following is a list of papers which were either presented at the meeting or announced for presentation. They are alphabetically arranged according to authors. But papers No's 16, 22, and 39 do not appear to have been formally presented.

1. Dr. Cyrus Adler, U. S. National Museum ; A proposed Catalogue of Egyptian papyri and monuments.

2. Professor M. Bloomfield, Johns Hopkins University ; On the position of the Gopatha Brāhmaṇa in Vedic Literature.

3. Professor M. Bloomfield, Johns Hopkins University ; On the meaning and etymology of the Vedic word *vidátha*.

4. Professor J. W. Bright, Johns Hopkins University ; A coincidence in Anglo-Saxon and Hebrew phonology.

5. Rev. S. J. Carr, Catholic University of America ; On a hitherto unknown treatise of Thomas of Edessa on the Nativity of our Lord.

6. Professor Richard Gottheil, Columbia University ; Persian influence in Arabic.

7. Professor Richard Gottheil, Columbia University ; Note on Dr. Torrey's article in the Journal of the Society, xviii. 176 ff.

8. Mr. K. J. Grimm, Johns Hopkins University ; Euphemistic liturgical appendixes in the Psalms.

9. Rev. Adolph Guttmacher, Johns Hopkins University ; Unintelligible archaisms in the Authorized Version.

10. Dr. W. W. Hastings, Springfield, Mass. ; The permansive in Assyrian.

11. Professor Paul Haupt, Johns Hopkins University ; The pronunciation of Hebrew.

12. Professor Paul Haupt, Johns Hopkins University ; Ptolemaic Psalms.

13. Professor Paul Haupt, Johns Hopkins University ; Babylonian words in Ezekiel.

14. Professor Paul Haupt, Johns Hopkins University ; The amplificative plural in Hebrew.

15. Professor Paul Haupt, Johns Hopkins University ; The unicorn in the Bible.

16. Mr. L. K. Hirshberg, Johns Hopkins University ; The Brahma Somaj movement in India.

17. Professor E. W. Hopkins, Yale University ; The Puñjâb and the Rig Veda.

18. Professor E. W. Hopkins, Yale University ; Notes from India : (a) Bridles in sculpture and painting ; (b) Buddha's woolly hair ; (c) The veiled Jain at Bādāmi ; (d) Wooden fences in India ; (e) The Anandashram.

19. Professor H. Hyvernât, Catholic University of America ; The Coptic versions of the Bible.

20. Professor A. V. Williams Jackson, Columbia University ; Note on play within play as a dramatic element on the Sanskrit stage.

21. Professor A. V. Williams Jackson, Columbia University ; Brief Indo-Iranian contributions.

22. Professor A. V. Williams Jackson, Columbia University ; The Amesha Spentas or Archangels in Zoroastrianism.

23. Dr. C. Johnston, Johns Hopkins University ; The origin of Cuneiform writing.

24. Dr. C. Johnston, Johns Hopkins University ; The scape-goat.

25. Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., University of Pennsylvania ; Nabopolassar and the temple to the Sun god at Sippar.

26. Rev. P. H. Land, Johns Hopkins University ; Verba involuntaria in Semitic.

27. Professor C. R. Lanman, Harvard University; Indian Proverbs in Pāli Sources.

28. Professor C. R. Lanman, Harvard University; The discovery of the birth-place of Gotama Buddha.

29. Rev. Robert J. Lau, Columbia University; On some Babylonian temple records in the Library of Columbia University.

30. Mr. Arthur O. Lovejoy, Harvard University; On the meaning of the Buddhist technical terms *upādānam* and *upādāna-kkhandhā*.

31. Professor Duncan Macdonald, Hartford Theological Seminary; Job and Muslim cosmography.

32. Professor George F. Moore, Andover Theological Seminary; The Arabic version of Genesis in Lagarde's *Materialien*.

33. Mr. J. A. Ness, Johns Hopkins University; On the meaning and etymology of the Sanskrit root *īḍ*.

34. Professor H. Oertel, Yale University; A new MS. of the Jāiminiya Brāhmaṇa.

35. Professor H. Oertel, Yale University; Did Sāyana know the Jāiminiya Brāhmaṇa?

36. Professor H. Oertel, Yale University; The funeral ceremony according to the Jāiminiya Brāhmaṇa.

37. Rev. Dr. J. P. Peters, New York; The geography of the Euphrates.

38. Professor J. D. Prince, New York University; The syntax of the Assyrian preposition *ana*.

39. Professor J. D. Prince, New York University; A Babylonian Cylinder in the possession of the New York University.

40. Rev. William Rosenau, Johns Hopkins University; Substitutes for the Tetragrammaton in the Rabbinical writings, with especial reference to *Elohim*.

41. Rev. T. Schanfarber, Johns Hopkins University; Notes on Psalm xvi.

42. Dr. Charles P. G. Scott, Radnor, Penn.; The English words in Malayan.

43. Dr. Charles P. G. Scott, Radnor, Penn.; At large in Polynesia. [The laxness of phonetic laws in the Polynesian languages.]

44. Professor Henry Preserved Smith, Lakewood, N. J.; Was Mohammed's impulse received from Christian or from Jewish sources?

45. Professor Henry Preserved Smith, Lakewood, N. J.; Two brief notes on Arabic subjects: (*a*) "The guilt of the husband-men," Bochari, i. 6; (*b*) The two messengers, Koran, 36. 12 ff.

46. Dr. G. A. Reisner, Harvard University; Old Babylonian systems of weights and measures.

47. Dr. Charles C. Torrey, Andover Theological Seminary; The origin of the words 'Troubadour' and 'Madrigal.'

48. Rev. W. Scott Watson, Towerhill, N. J.; A leather roll of the Pentateuch.

49. Rev. W. Scott Watson, Towerhill, N. J.; The etymology of the name Baalbek.

50. Rev. W. Scott Watson, Towerhill, N. J.; A Samaritan manuscript of the Hebrew text of the Pentateuch, written A. H. 35.